

Dear Families,

Please find below the parent bulletin for week commencing 15th December 2025.

All Years



Last Day of Term - Please note that school will finish at the usual time this Friday.



Non-School Uniform Day – Students may come to school in non-uniform on Friday 19 December. Please ensure clothing is appropriate for the school environment e.g., no pyjamas, midriff-revealing tops, or other unsuitable items.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Support - Whilst we think of Christmas time as a time of joy, for many it can be a very difficult time. We may struggle with being out of our normal routines, spending lots of time at home, missing loved ones and not having our usual support network around us. There is still lots of support around if you are struggling with your mental health or wellbeing over Christmas. On the links below, you can find lots of information and support for different aspects of mental health and wellbeing. Remember to be kind to yourself as well as others.

To access Mental Health support for you or your child, the following websites are very helpful:

<https://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/>

<https://hubofhope.co.uk>

<https://www.kooth.com>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

[Loneliness at Christmas - Teen Health Poster](#)



Christmas Dinner / Jumper Day - Wednesday 17 December, is Christmas Dinner day. **Please note, this is the only option available on the day so please ensure a packed lunch is provided if you did not pre-order a meal.** There will be no food served at break. Students in receipt of free school meals will automatically be allocated a meal. Students are also able to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform for a donation of £1.00 with all funds going to the 'Save the Children' appeal.

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Army Cadets Information

The QR code below links directly to the Leicestershire, Northamptonshire & Rutland Army Cadet Force webpage, where you can find information about their detachment, upcoming events, and how to join. The Army Cadets provides young people aged 12 to 18 with opportunities to develop confidence, leadership, teamwork, and resilience through activities such as fieldcraft, first aid, navigation, adventure training, and more.



Consultation on LiFE Multi Academy Trusts admissions arrangements for 2027 – 2028

Please visit our website to read the letter regarding [Consultation on LiFE Multi Academy Trusts admissions arrangements for 2027 – 2028](#)

Food Bank Donations - Our Ibstock Champions visited the local food bank today to deliver hefty sacks of donations from across the school. Well done to all involved!



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Potential Arriva Industrial Action - Arriva have made us aware that there is potential for some of their staff to take industrial action over the next few weeks. Although it is still hoped this can be avoided, we thought it was important to make you aware of the potential dates and services which could be affected.

The potential school term dates that could be affected are:

December

Friday 12th

Monday 15th

January

Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th

The potential services affected are:

5_5A	58_58A
6_6A	84_85
31_31A	104
37	127
44_44A	153
47_48	X3
49	X45
50_51	
56_56A	

We therefore advise that you check local news and the Arriva website for updates on this situation and regrettably inform you that you may need to make alternative arrangements to enable your child to attend school on these days should the industrial action go ahead.

If we receive any further information, we will update you.

Many Thanks,

Mainstream Transport team
 Assisted Transport Service

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Message from Assisted Transport Service | Leicestershire County Council -

We have introduced a new contact form for all online customer enquiries. This change helps ensure your enquiry is directed to the right team as quickly as possible. Email enquiries will not be actioned.



Our online contact form is available on our website which also has useful information which may answer your question. If you wish to submit an enquiry, the contact form can be found on our web pages: [School Transport Information and Contact Form](#)

If your child is currently travelling on school transport and you wish to report an issue or concern with the **operation** of the transport service, please use this form: [Report an Issue with Transport Services](#)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Grab Bag Order Form

Beat the Queue. Order your cold food grab bag via the online link by 9am on the day required. Collection from the hut at lunchtime - [Grab Bag Order Form](#)



Independent Learning Timetable

If your child is directed to work at home, the Home Learning Timetable can be found on our website. It is important that when students are not at school, they keep up with the work their teacher has set for them - [Independent Learning Timetable](#)



Opportunities Programme

At Ibstock School, we are committed to provide an education that extends beyond the classroom. As part of this commitment, please see our opportunities programme for after Christmas [Opportunities Programme](#)



Seneca Learning Guide

We have put together a 'Seneca Learning – How to guide' to support students if they experience any difficulties accessing their account. Please refer to the guide for clear, step-by-step instructions to help support your child. Thank you for your continued support - [Seneca Learning – How to guide](#)

GCSE Certificate Collection

If your child sat their GCSE examinations with us in Summer '25, their official certificates are now available for collection. Please visit the school reception on **Thursday 18 December 2025, 15:00 – 18:00** to collect them.

If you cannot make this date please visit our [website](#) for more details on how to arrange collection.



Exam Certificate Collection

For Summer '25 results, 2025 Year 11 leavers can collect certificates in person from Ibstock School main Reception on:

Thursday 18 December 2025 15:00-18:00

We look forward to welcoming our former students back to collect their official GCSE certificates.

If you cannot make this date please see the exams section on our website for details on how to arrange collection.

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 18th December 2025 – Exam Certificate Collection

Friday 19th December 2025 – Non School Uniform Day

Friday 19th December 2025 – Last Day of Term (normal finish time)

Current Vacancies

Our website has more information on current vacancies we have at school - [ibstock school](https://ibstock.school)

[Current Vacancies](#)



Attendance celebrations week 15A

470 students with
100 % attendance this
week

Top CREW groups of each year
group for attendance with week:
7DBA, 8BFO, 9AMI, 10RLA,
11RSH

Top CREW groups for each year
with lowest late marks:
7ayo, 8CSH, 9AMI, 10JAR &
11TRO



SUPPLIES NEEDED

We're looking for donations of wooden vegetable boxes, like the ones shown, to help us create a welcoming and beautiful outdoor space for the Hive.



All donations
are greatly
appreciated!

Thank you for
supporting OUR
community
space ♥

Please contact Miss Bancroft to arrange delivery or collection
A.Bancroft@ibstockschool.co.uk



Facilities for Hire



Book your next event today
with [ourschool](https://ourservices.lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk/facilities-for-hire) offering these facilities and more:

- Swimming Pool
- Sports Hall
- 2G Pitch
- Meeting Rooms

For more details go to:

ourservices.lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk/facilities-for-hire

facilityhire@lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk

or scan the QR code

